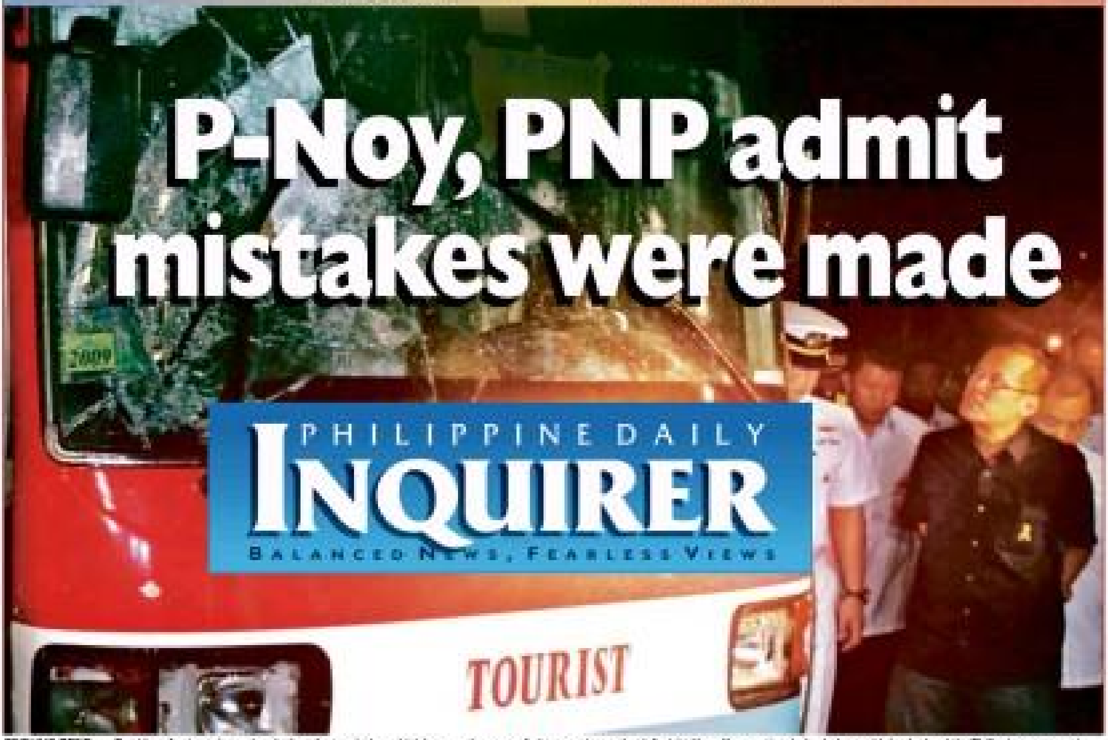
P-Noy, PNP admit mistakes were made



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GROUND ZERO President Aquino takes a close look at the tourist bus which became the scene of a hostage drama that left eight Hong Kong nationals dead, the world shocked and the Philippines sorry and embarrassed.

'Defects' in handling hostage crisis probed

By Christine O. Avendaño and Alcuin Papa

PRESIDENT AQUINO yesterday said he wasn't exactly impressed with the way police handled the bloody hostage-taking drama at the Luneta Park. Officials admitted "defects" in the police operation.

Looking fresh and relaxed in a nationally televised news conference with bleary-eyed Palace reporters after midnight Monday following the 11-hour crisis, Mr. Aquino said some things certainly could stand improvement.

"How can I be satisfied when there were people who were killed," he said.

At least eight hostages were killed when Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza, 55, seized a tourist bus with 25 people aboard, mostly Hong Kong Chinese visitors, and demanded that the Ombudsman reverse his dismissal on extortion charges two years ago.

Mendoza himself was killed in the police assault on the bus after he had earlier freed eight hostages. The rest of the hostages were wounded in the gunbattle, but the driver escaped unscathed.

Mr. Aquino said that among the lessons learned in Monday's incident was the need for the "redefinition of limitations."

"What were the limitations imposed on the media, I think none," the President said, noting that the journalists sought to get "the latest tidbit" throughout the crisis.

Mr. Aquino said that media's intensive coverage "provided a

P-NOY A20

Mourning and outrage in HK



RELATIVES of victims weep as they pray in front of Rizal Park's Quirino Grandstand in Manila on Tuesday.

PROTESTERS in Hong Kong slammed the Philippines and newspapers accused Manila police of incompetence as the former British territory plunged into mourning for eight tourists slain in a hostage drama.

Flags on government buildings in Hong Kong flew at half-staff and the stock exchange paused for a minute's silence at the start of Tuesday's trading.

To appease Hong Kong residents, the Philippine government said it was sending a "high-level delegation" to the Chinese territory.

MOURNING A10

RP broadcast media under fire

By TJ Burgonio, Alcuin Papa and Christian V. Esguerra

BROADCAST MEDIA found itself under fire for delivering a blow-by-blow account of Monday's hostage-taking inside a tourist bus and a bungled police assault that led to its bloody end at Quirino Grandstand in Manila.

Academicians and a journalists' group yesterday agreed that the airing of sensitive incidents during the crisis had provoked former Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza into shooting his mostly Chinese hostages. Mendoza and eight of the hostages were killed.

"I don't know if the media were aware that whatever they were reporting was getting to the hostage-taker and, therefore, was likely to provoke a reaction. I don't know if they were aware of that. If they were, they should have known better," University of the Philippines

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MISS PHILIPPINES Maria Venus Raj (at left) finishes fourth runner-up to Miss Mexico Jimena Navarrete (right) who was crowned Miss Universe 2010.

A 'major, major' win nonetheless

By Ruben V. Nepales
Los Angeles correspondent

SEEMINGLY OVERLOOKED in the face of Miss Philippines Venus Raj's "major, major" answer during the interview portion in the Miss Universe 2010 pageant in Las Vegas is the fact that her top-five finish was the country's first since 1999 when Miriam Quiambao placed second.

Also, that traditional beauty contest powerhouses Venezuela and USA were shut out as early as the

A MAJOR A20

Erap scraps HK trip



By Cynthia D. Balana and Tarra Quismundo

HE MAY HAVE GOTTEN new knees in Hong Kong but that is the last place Erap wants to test how strong and supple they are—especially if chased by Chinese demonstrators.

Former President Joseph Estrada yester-

ERAP A18

FAQ: Where was P-Noy during crisis?

By Christine O. Avendaño, Norman Bordadora and Michael Lim Ubac

WHERE WAS President Aquino during the hostage crisis?

This was the question raised by Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang, who was calling him up in vain at the height of the crisis on Monday night.

It was also one of the many questions posed to Mr. Aquino by his "friends" on his Facebook account since Monday.

Even Elena Bautista-Horn, spokesperson of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, raised the same question.

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4 SSS execs earned P127M

By Christian V. Esguerra

HOW LUCKY are the members of the SSS Commission, the policymaking body of the Social Security System?

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Just lucky

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NERI



GUNANAN

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Not bad for ex-general

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Audit flaw

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Revilla files anti-'usisero' bill in Senate

By Gil Cabacungan

THE ARMY of bystanders crowding the scene has just become after the [illegible] between the police and the hostage taker [illegible] Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. to file an "anti-usisero" bill.

Revilla's Senate Bill 2299 seeks to amend Presidential Decree 1829 which penalizes the obstruction of apprehension and prosecution of criminal offenders.

In his bill, Revilla proposed that individuals who go beyond the police cordon and disturb the crime scene should be levied a fine of up to P5,000 and jail time of up to 6 months.

"One of the grounds of the [illegible] [illegible]," said Revilla in his explanatory note to the bill.

Revilla said he was disturbed by the [illegible].

The bloodbath at Rizal Park has also prompted Sen. Miguel Zubiri to push for the revival of the death penalty amid the rise of heinous crimes in recent months.

Hostage fiasco deals big blow to RP tourism

[illegible]

Few capabilities

[illegible]

Unfair reputation

[illegible]

Common sense

[illegible]

Public relations needed

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AFP





20 YEARS OF PROSECUTION

Tan lawyer takes only 30 minutes to present evidence

By Leila B. Salaverria

The Daily Gospel





'Public must bear power rate hike'

Union OKd employment terms twice in past–PAL

Own an elegant piece of Makati

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Residents seeking to slow down amidst the Makati rush can enjoy the 1.7 hectare Amenity Podium, complete with swimming pools, a fitness gym, and a carefully-manicured garden sprawl.

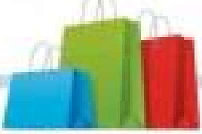
SMDC Jazz Residences also makes it easy for those who want to put more depth and dynamics in their already cosmopolitan Makati life to get lost in a Mecca for adventurous souls.

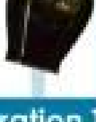


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Media blamed for bloodbath

TIMELINE: 11 Hours of Madness

Poised for assault

Mendoza's warning

Negotiations begin

Driver escapes

Filipino hostages freed

Shot by sniper



RP broadcast media under fire

Media defenders

RP image

Self-restraint

New Marines chief takes over

THE BATTLE-READY Philippine Marine Corps had a new commandant as part of the Armed Forces' reorganization under the Aquino administration.

Brig. Gen. Rustico Guerrero, former commander of the Sulu-based Joint Task Force Comet, officially assumed his post as Marines commandant Tuesday.

He replaced Maj. Gen. Juancho Sabban who was assigned as commander of the AFP Western Command (Wescom) based in Palawan.

Navy Flag Officer in Command Vice Adm. Danilo Cortez presided over the turnover ceremonies.

Where was P-Noy during the hostage crisis?

Behind the scene

Delegated authority

Coordination with China

Crisis committee

Erap scraps Hong Kong trip

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'Don't blame Aquino'

Feeling unwanted

Mourning and outrage in Hong Kong

Husband killed

Travel alert

Appalled



Lurid photographs

Threats against Filipinos

Safety of Chinese citizens

Bring home tourists

Customs seizes 'ukay-ukay' shipments

Hijacker of busload of kids gives take on hostage taking

SC creates committee to mediate on Luisita

SC sets oral argument on Truth body



Ex-cop's reinstatement was 'out of the question'

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Fatal incompetence

EDITORIAL



Bloodbath also killed our tourism industry

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Will promise of change turn out to be another election promise?

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Distribute surplus rice to senior citizens

Anguished cry after 'Ondoy': Save Sierra Madre

Not pro-GMA vs. P-Noy just for the rule of law

Is religion an obstacle to national progress?

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Reaping rewards from protecting forests

As responsible stewards, Ibalahan folk harvest only a certain amount to help keep the balance in their ecosystems

By Maurice Malanes
Baguio City

FOR DECADES, they have regarded the forests as their lifeblood, and have never lusted for the big volume of logs and lumber they could extract.

[illegible]

Sustainability

[illegible]

Still in poverty

[illegible]

Helping ease pain of Benguet road tragedy

DESPITE a highway tragedy that killed their parents in Sablan, Benguet, last week, Rachel and Rebecca Anthony have conducted themselves with composure, helping coordinate details of the wakes for their parents.

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UCCP-Baguio as custodian

[illegible]

Maurice Malanes



ALBERT and Carlota Anthony had taught their daughters to be independent.

Across the NATION

Assistant Editor: Tony Bergonia

Mendoza appeal didn't reach police

Letter seeking reconsideration marked 'Return to sender,' say ex-cop's kin

TANAUAN, Batangas—Return to sender.

This was stamped on a letter that Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza sent to the Philippine National Police's Internal Affairs Service (PNP-IAS) to appeal his dismissal over charges of extortion.

It could also be what drove Mendoza, a decorated policeman, to commandeer a tour bus and take hostage Chinese tourists inside it, according to relatives who awaited the arrival of Mendoza's body a day after he was killed during a police assault on the bus.

Arturo Castillo, a close friend of the family and retired police officer, recalled seeing the letter shown to him by Mendoza's daughter, Grace. It was sent and returned just this month.

It was addressed to a certain Attorney Clarence Quiñapo of the PNP-IAS.

The envelope still looked new when it was returned to Mendoza.

"It wasn't even opened and was marked 'return to sender,'" said Castillo.

He said this could be used as a piece of evidence to show PNP failure to act on the case of Mendoza, who is known among neighbors as Kuya Rolly or Kuya Lando.

Family members, however, kept mum on details of the case that prompted the hostage-taking.

Relatives and siblings of Rolly had refused to talk, out of fear of getting a brother, SPO2 Gregorio Mendoza, into more trouble after he was arrested by police for allegedly aggravating the hostage situation.

Castillo said he and the family of Mendoza only wanted "to maintain Rolly's dignity."

He said he won't advise Rolando's wife to sue the government. "It won't prosper," he said.

Rolando's body was brought home by his wife, Aurora, and youngest son, Romnick.

Mailes Mendoza, 48, sister of Rolando, said family members weren't able to see Rolando's body after his death.

"We went to all hospitals but we did not find his body because policemen wouldn't tell us," she said.

Villagers accustomed to calling Rolando "Kuya Lando" or "Kuya Rolly" said they felt sad seeing the hostage-taking and assault on TV. Rolando had been a good neighbor to them.

Carlos Barrios, a neighbor in Barangay Bonliw, said people in the community have been convincing Rolando to run as village captain in the coming barangay elections "so he would have something else to mind aside from his dismissal."

Rolando, Barrios said, could have been a good candidate. He never walked around in the community with a gun and busied himself with gardening.

Barrios said Rolando had been quiet about his grievances.

"When you ask him for help, he would make you feel you're always welcome to his house," said Barrios.

Elvie Mendoza, 53, an aunt of Rolando, said he wanted to say sorry to the families of the victims in the hostage-taking.

Like many other members of the Mendoza family, Elvie said he knew of the hostage-taking only on TV.

"I'm sorry," said Elvie. *Maricar Brillo-Lucas and Maricar Cinco, Inquirer Southern Luzon*



THE HOUSE of former Senior Insp. Rolando Mendoza in Tanauan City is being prepared for the arrival of his body on Tuesday. Mendoza was killed after taking hostage 25 people, mostly Hong Kong tourists, at Quirino Grandstand in Manila.

Major offensive set vs massacre suspects

SHARIFF AGUAK, Maguindanao—Police and military forces would launch massive operations against more than 180 men who are wanted for participation in the Nov. 23 massacre of 57 people, mostly journalists, in Maguindanao.

Top police and military officials said the operations would start as soon as Ramadan ends.

Brig. Gen. Ernesto Anduiza, head of the Army's 603rd Brigade, asked local officials to help in the arrest of at least 170 men whose faces are now in posters of the country's most wanted men released by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG).

Anduiza said relatives and friends of the massacre suspects should help bring in the wanted men as their faces would soon be in posters that would be in prominent places nationwide.

He said the military operations will start as soon as the Muslim rush in the second week of September.

An earlier directive to hunt down the suspects was held in abeyance in deference to the Islamic fasting month.

Maguindanao Rep. Simeon Datumanong, who was present in the dialogue with military and police officials, said everybody hoped for a total cessation [illegible] which he said could displace thousands of people.

In another forum in Cotabato City last Saturday, Director General Jesus Verzosa, Philippine National Police chief, said a series of police and military operations would soon be launched against 170 militiamen and police auxiliaries who took part in the Nov. 23 massacre that killed 31 journalists and several other civilians, including the wife and sisters of now Maguindanao Gov. Esmael "Toto" Mangudadatu.

Hadji Pendiay Ampatuan, municipal councilor of Datu Unsay town, expressed fear that massive military operations could displace thousands of civilians.

Mayor [illegible] Ampatuan, wife of primary massacre suspect Andal Ampatuan Jr., has not been regularly holding office or residing in her town.

Anduiza said the dialogue, attended by local officials mostly unnamed suspects, was part of efforts to persuade the wanted men to turn themselves in and avoid bloodshed. *Nash B. Maulana, Inquirer Mindanao*

Alarm raised over TB spread in Quezon jail

LUCENA CITY—An official of the Quezon provincial jail here has expressed alarm over the growing number of cases of tuberculosis among inmates here due to overcrowding in the detention cell.

According to provincial jail warden, Archimedes Morfe, at least 27 inmates had already been diagnosed with tuberculosis and he believes more cases would be discovered.

The provincial health officer said he shared the concern over the increase in the number of TB cases.

"More TB cases and other ailments of the prisoners would surely be discovered once all inmates undergo thorough health examination," said Dr. [illegible], chief provincial health officer.

Morfe said the provincial penitentiary near the Quezon capitol building here, houses 1,050 inmates, 208 of whom are facing murder cases. *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., Inquirer Southern Luzon*



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'Live video was mistake No. 1'



WHAT WENT WRONG? Policemen try to assault open the door of the hijacked tourist bus on Monday.

PAL offers free flights for kin of HK victims

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Usual calls for investigations fill the air again

Joint task force

Caught flat-footed

Limits to media

Severely disorganized

A 'major, major' win nonetheless

Crazy experience

Make or break

Undisclosed salary

Trending thrills

Miss U for life

What happened inside the bus: I thought he was joking

By Jeannette I. Andrade



THE BODY of hostage-taker Rolando Mendoza is wheeled out of the hijacked bus after the police assault. The body was later taken to his hometown in Tanauan, Batangas.

An early promise

Jason's parents died

'This is garbage'

Arrest triggered carnage

P-Noy, PNP admit mistakes were made

P-Noy declares Aug. 25 a national day of mourning



THIS HANDOUT PHOTO taken on Aug. 23 shows Hong Kong's Chief Executive Donald Tsang (center) speaking to the media after an urgent meeting to discuss the hostage incident in Manila. He is flanked by Secretary for Security Ambrose Lee (right) and Chief Secretary Henry Tang. The Hong Kong government has lamented the "tragedy" of the hostage crisis in Manila, saying the "outcome is very disappointing." —AFP

'Over the edge'

Decision to stall

Defects in police action

Nothing shameful

Honor guard, roses as RP grieves for dead HK hostages



RELATIVES of the dead Hong Kong nationals hold a Buddhist ceremony near the ill-fated bus at Quirino Grandstand.

UAAP throws out Maroons' protest

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Where does poor RP go from here?

COMMENTARY



JRU seeks to stretch win skein

Cardinals battle Knights



Patriots loom large ahead of 2nd ABL season

Blockbuster NBA Asia bash Friday

Laylo lone RP bright spot in Pichay Cup

Woods, wife now divorced



TIGER Woods and Elin Nordegren will now lead separate lives.

WBC chief Sulaiman cans looming mismatch

PBA to discuss new format, 'sister' deals



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'Rambulan' round 4 gets going





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DID YOU KNOW



DENR eyes 30% cut in Metro pollution

World Bank report says pollutants to blame for respiratory, heart diseases

By Kristine L. Alave

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Ramon Paje yesterday vowed to cut pollution in Metro Manila by 30 percent next year through the introduction of electronic tricycles and the stricter enforcement of antipollution laws.

In a press briefing, Paje said the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) would like to see a reduction in total suspended particulates (TSP) in the metropolis to improve the standard of living of its 14 million residents.

According to a 2007 World Bank report, air pollution is a major cause of respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, costing the country P7.6 billion annually, he added.

The World Bank report is backed by a study by the University of the Philippines College of Medicine which showed that more than 50 percent of the medicines sold in the country are for respiratory ailments.

As of 2009, TSP—the solid or liquid particles suspended in air—in Metro Manila was at 134 micrograms (ug)/normal cubic meters (Ncm) which is 48 percent above the normal standard of 90 ug/Ncm.

Paje noted that diesel vehicles are the main source of pollution in the metropolis, accounting for as much as 80 percent of the pollution load. The rest comes from industrial sources.

He said that next month, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) would donate 50 electronic motorcycles to the country to further the government's antipollution campaign.

The aid is part of a $260 million financial grant from the ADB which will be opened to the private sector.

Paje said the e-motorcycles would be distributed to major cities and transformed into tricycles.

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CHARITY STORE OPENING

Makati buildings inspected for vulnerability to quakes

By Tina G. Santos

UMak first on list

Meralco man killed, 2 others hurt in mishap

Strong impact

Kidney patient turns to Inquirer readers for help



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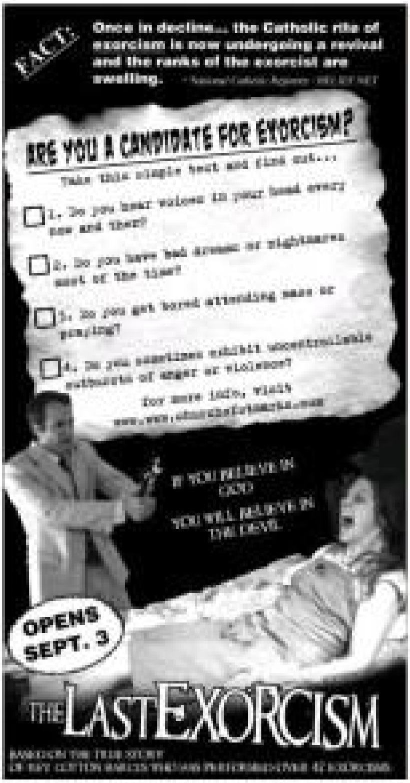
Call center sued by woman over son's death in QC office

By Julie M. Aurelio

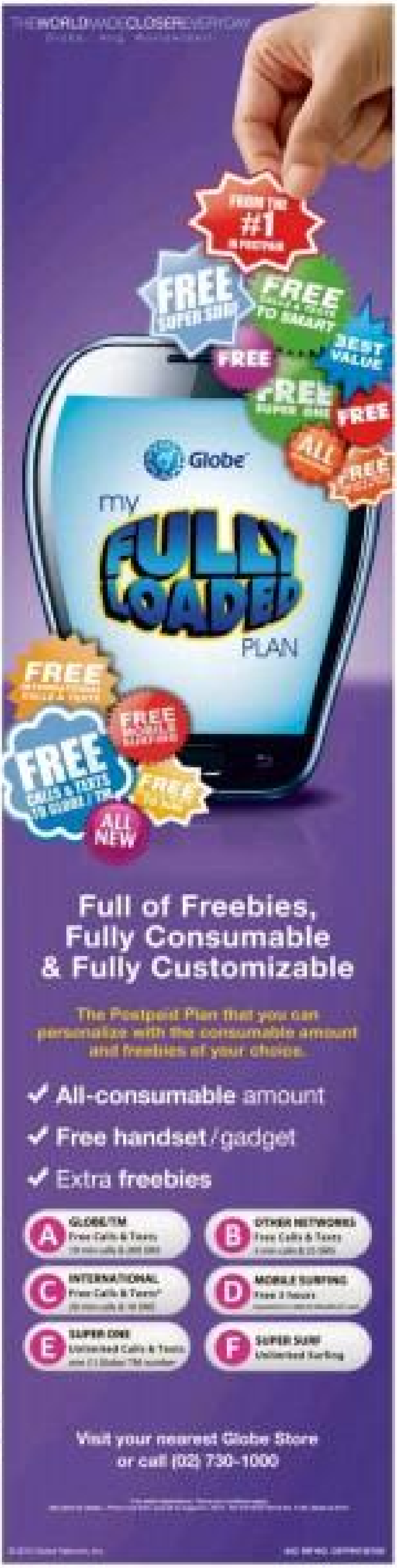
PDEA, police agents nab 4 Chinese for drugs

Cayetano: Beware of gov't men posing as collectors





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WorldBriefs

Bomber attacks Somali hotel, kills 15

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Plane crashes in Nepal; 14 dead

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Carter off to N. Korea to free American

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Troops, weapons deployed near Pyongyang

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Aide arrested in Mexico for poisoning actress

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Taiwan marks Ghost Month with colorful rite

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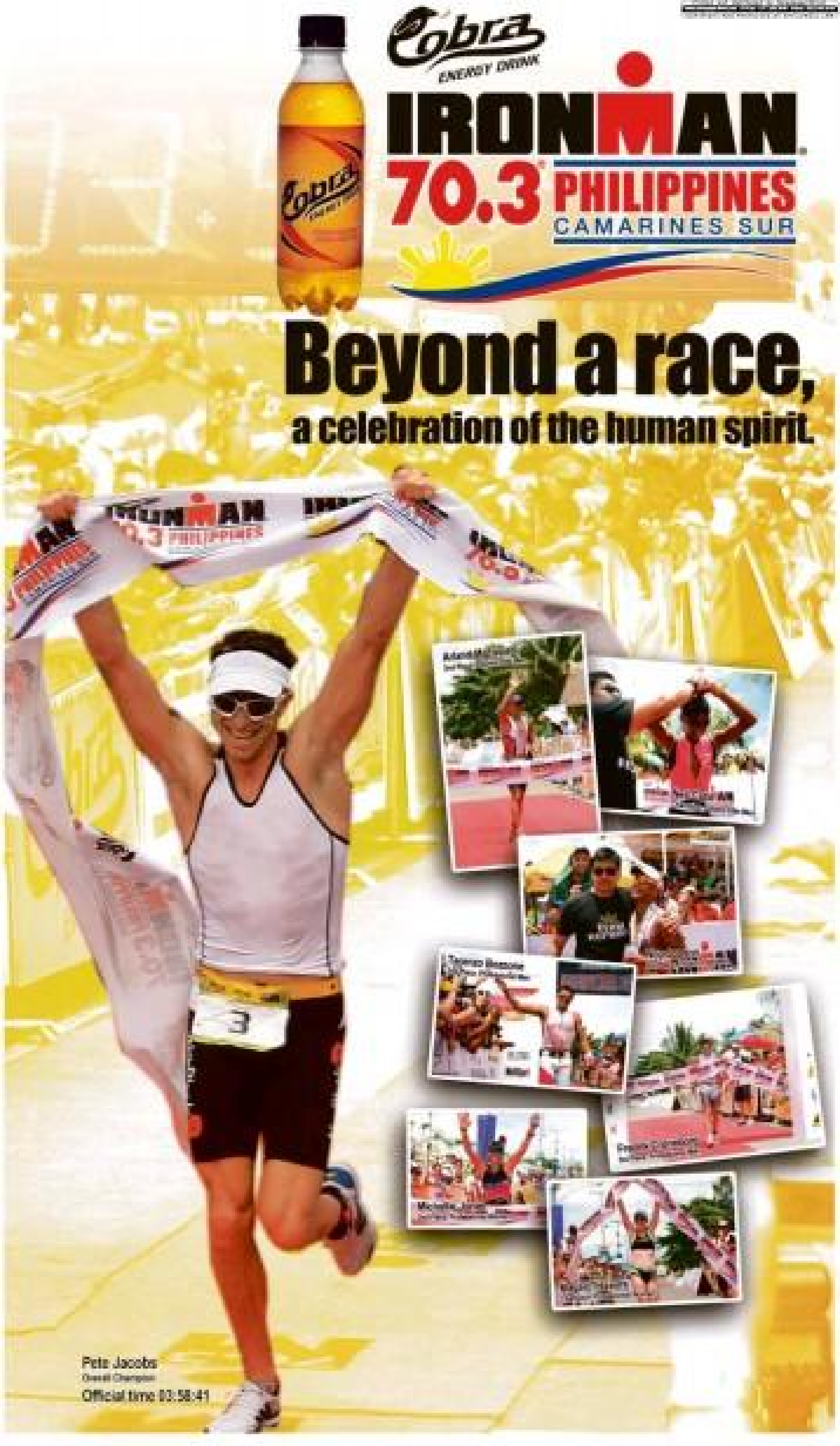
40 militants killed in Afghan war



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Number of US troops in Iraq falls below 50,000

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Beyond a race,
a celebration of the human spirit.
Pete Jacobs
Overall Champion
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The WORLD

2nd bore hole reaches 33 trapped inside mine

COPIAPO, CHILE—Rescuers are lowering capsules containing rehydration tablets, glucose and oxygen down a long hole to 33 miners who surprised the world by staying alive while trapped about a kilometer underground for two and a half weeks.

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Spoonfuls of tuna

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Hungry but well

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Enormous machine

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Pakistan says flood recovery to take years

ISLAMABAD—President Asif Ali Zardari said recovering from the devastating floods still battering Pakistan would take at least three years, [illegible]

BUSINESS

Investor sentiment to remain bullish

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

Aug. 24, 2010

45.53

STOCK MARKET

Aug. 24, 2010

82.74



Stocks slump on Rizal Park crisis

'Unfortunate incident, but an isolated event'

WHILE THE bloody hostage-taking incident on Monday may take its toll on the country's tourism sector, the central bank said the incident was not likely to stir the capital markets.







SPi Global to double workforce, revenues

Stocks slump on Rizal Park crisis

Investor sentiment to remain bullish

Beefing up Bank of Commerce

Biz Buzz
By the staff

No need to panic

BSP's 'secret weapon'





BUSINESS

Gov't eyes infra financing body

Indian, Indonesian experiences cited

BPI beefing up loan portfolio by ₱250B in 5 years

BSP open to easing single borrower's cap

High hopes held for PAL unit

By Paolo G. Montecillo

Mindoro raises nickel estimate for Agata

By Riza T. Olchondra

UK firm eyes deals to revive Berong mine

Philippine Stock Exchange

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United Kingdom	Pound	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Taiwan	NT Dollar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Siemens eyes break in RP wind power market

By Amy R. Remo

SIEMENS AG, a global powerhouse in electronics and electrical engineering, hopes to capture a "good position" of the wind power market in the Philippines, as it aims to play a bigger role in the local renewable energy sector.

In a briefing yesterday, Siemens Inc. Philippines president and CEO Jacky Chan said the company would "actively pursue" the wind farm projects, mainly as an equipment supplier or an engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractor.

Chan said the company would be able to provide the right innovative technology solutions to these projects to efficiently support the country's growing requirements without creating a negative impact on the environment.

Also, the company wants to provide solutions for Philippine wind projects that can generate a combined 400 megawatts, as based on the contracts that have already been awarded by the government, Siemens VP [illegible] G. Guamonda said.

Siemens is currently in talks with as many as 30 companies that aim to put up wind farms, said Guamonda, but he declined to identify the firms as negotiations are still ongoing.

The companies are still waiting for the government to release the feed-in tariff rates, which will largely determine whether a renewable energy project will be economically viable, Guamonda said.

He added that while Siemens usually acted as equipment supplier or EPC contractor for power projects, it could also engage in joint venture partnerships as well as project financing through another Siemens subsidiary.

BPI . . .

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Banking regulators require a capital adequacy-to-risk assets ratio of 10 percent.

While BPI previously adopted a "just in time" approach in capital-raising, he said the next bank was "just before time" fund-raising.

Based on BPI's consolidated balance sheet as of end-June, it had P611 billion in net loans and receivables. The plan is to grow business by 20 percent per year for the next five years.

Asked about loan business for the third quarter, Manalo said that based on the volume of credit request, rising confidence had translated to increased applications for new credit lines.

He said BPI's lending business used to be 80 percent dominated by renewal of credit lines while only 20 percent consisted of applications for new business. But now, he said half of the applications consisted of request for new working capital.

Many of the good corporate borrowers in the Philippines, he noted, would not really need to borrow for additional capital. However, he said there was rising demand for new funds to support diversification plans.

IPVG CORPORATION

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Stockholders' Meeting of IPVG Corp. will be held on 08 September 2010 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Makati City.

The agenda of the Meeting is as follows:

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Notice and Quorum
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Stockholders' Meeting on 08 September 2009
4. Ratification of all Acts, Proceedings, Transactions and Resolutions of the Board of Directors and Corporate Officers
5. President's Report
6. Presentation and approval of the 2009 Annual Report, 2009 Audited financial Statements and 2009 Management Report
7. Approval of Additional Listing of Shares
8. Approval of Transactions
9. Waiver of Requirement to Conduct a Rights or Public Offering
10. Election of Directors for 2010-2011
11. Appointment of External Auditors
12. Other Matters
13. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business hours on 11 August 2010 are entitled to notice of, and vote at the meeting.

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MOTORING

Editor Jorg R. Amaro

Spot the difference/s in the new X-Trail

By Aida Sevilla Mendoza



WHATEVER shape it takes, the X-Trail remains a sturdy, spacious, user-friendly and safe off-roader for multitasking people.

WHEN NISSAN Motor Philippines, Inc. (NMPI) rolled out the new X-Trail at its media presentation, many of us were surprised. Not because the 2010 X-Trail looked different from the 2005 model, but because it looked exactly the same except for its bigger size.

However, after a new X-Trail was delivered to me for test-driving recently, I soon spotted the difference/s outside and inside. At the front end, the chrome logo/grille of the preceding model has been replaced with a redesigned one. The headlights are bigger and more tapered, with High Intensity Discharge lamps in the 4WD variant. The front bumper has been changed, too, with small square housing for the foglamps [illegible]. The [illegible] fender [illegible] are gone. But above all these, the new model has added 70 mm in over-all length.

The bigger side mirrors with turn signal [illegible] lamps and the roof-mounted antenna have been retained while the 5-spoke, 16-inch alloy rims have been replaced with 6-spoke, 17-inch alloy rims in the 4WD variant. At the back, the new LED running lamps are wider and [illegible]-looking and the rear bumper has been remolded.

More Spacious. Inside, the cabin is substantially more spacious and has higher quality materials, softer fabric for the seats and [illegible] stitching for the leather seats in the 4WD variant. The front seats have been redesigned with 8-way power adjustment for the driver's seat while rear leg room has increased. The revamped instrument gauges with drive computer display have been moved from the center of the dash to in front of the driver. The 3-spoke leather-clad steering wheel has cruise control while the steering column is tilt-adjustable. There are cupholders galore, with the front ones at both ends of the dash cooled by the aircon.

The aircon is fully automatic with rear vents for the second row seats. The 40/20/40 rear seatback folds down flat to increase cargo space to more than 1700 meters long. The double luggage floor can be removed to increase cargo space height and under it is a drawer to store tools and small items.

The new X-Trail is labeled as the X-Trail CVT because the 4-speed electronically controlled transmission of the outgoing model has been replaced with the XCVT (Xtronic Continuous Variable Transmission) with manual mode also found in the Nissan Murano luxury SUV and the Nissan Teana executive sedan. NMPI claims that XCVT makes gear shifting smoother, with no shift-shock, while at the same time lowering fuel consumption because of its lighter weight. After driving the X-Trail for a week, I found this to be true.

Suspension. Also new is the suspension system, now consisting of MacPherson struts with coil springs and stabilizer bar up front and parallel multi-link rear at the rear for optimum luggage space. NMPI claims that the new suspension system adjusts to road conditions to [illegible] riding comfort and driving stability. I did find the ride quality of the new X-Trail to be exceptionally smooth and stable and as comfortable as a large luxury sedan's. And despite its bigger dimensions, the new X-Trail is easy to park since it still has a turning radius of 5.3 meters.

As for safety features, the new X-Trail sees six airbags, ABS with EBD, disc brakes on all four wheels, active headrests, keyless system with remote, high-mount stop lamp, 3-pt seatbelts, engine immobilizer with alarm and Nissan body zone construction.

4WD. Although NMPI loaned me the 4WD X-Trail, I didn't venture off-road to check out its Switch-on-Demand, all Mode 4x4 system. If memory serves, this aspect was already proven when NMPI invited motoring journos to test-drive the new X-Trail in Ilocos Norte last June.

Whereas before the X-Trail was offered with either a 2.0 liter or a 2.5 liter, 4 cylinder gasoline engine, this time it comes only with the second generation 2.5 QR25DE gasoline engine producing 170 hp @ 6,000 rpm and 230 Nm@4,400 max torque. The front-wheel drive XCVT variant is priced at P1.35 million while the top-range 4WD XCVT sells for P1.55 million. Like the previous X-Trails, the new X-Trail is a CKD (completely knocked down) model assembled at NMPI's plant in Santa Rosa, Laguna.

Despite the high-tech improvements, roomier cabin and superb riding comfort of the new model, however, the X-Trail faces an uphill climb to recover ground lost to more stylish, more [illegible] after winning those awards and topping sales in the compact SUV segment five years ago. Nissan Motor's decision to retain the boxy, slab-sided design of old may turn out to be unfortunate in this digital age. Nonetheless, whatever shape it takes, the X-Trail remains a sturdy, spacious, user-friendly and safe off-roader for multitasking people.







Pomp and pageantry at the Motor Show

On the Road

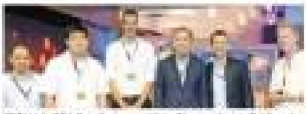
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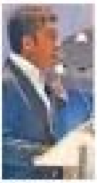


















Inquirer dominates Motor Show Media Awards







P-Noy at PIMS creates stir

Live tigers and cars: Can they mix?

'Circle(s) of life' in opening numbers

More 'tigers'

The CATS' meow



Smooth driving with the Santa Fe

MotorScope

Goodyear drifters sweep Glade Sport Lateral Drift Leg 5

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Berrima Diesel's formula for a greener environment

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Ford introduces new Fiesta subcompact



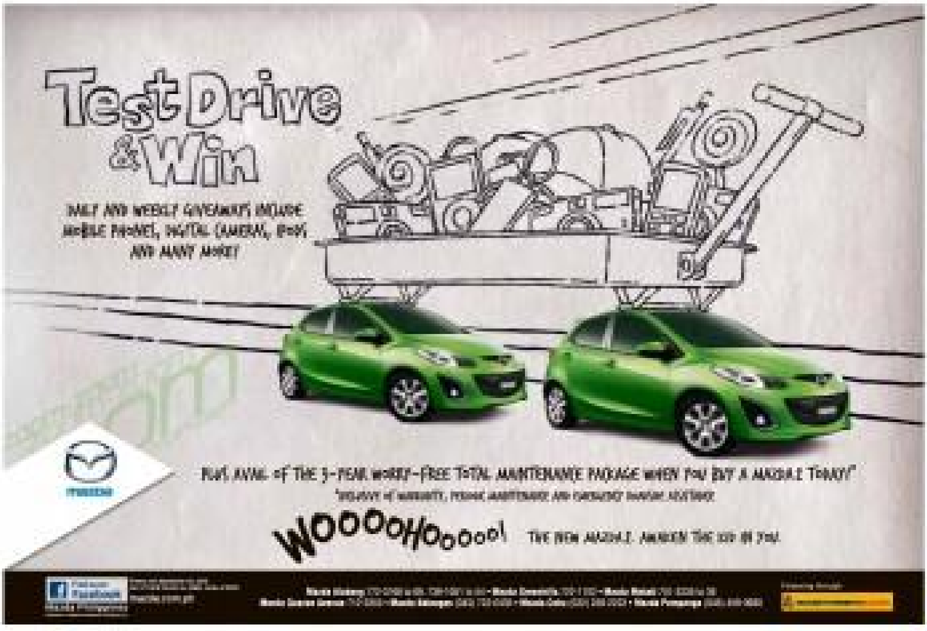
Thinking smaller and smarter





By Jason K. Ang





MOTORING

It's the best time to go high-end

SKID MARKS



Botchi Santos



THE countdown starts for the RP leg of the Subaru Impreza Challenge

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Fueling passion for diesel

By Botchi Santos

AFTER years of clamoring for a better diesel fuel for the local market, Shell has finally relented and recently launched the new line of Shell V-Power Diesel.

The average Juan on the street might be quick to point out that this is nothing but a marketing gimmick while some pundits have theorized that we finally have the proper, low-sulfur content diesel fuel on our shores that will ensure cleaner, greener diesel engines in the country.

Amid loud blaring music and a festive mood at the PBC Dream Tent, I was able to have a meaningful conversation with Dr. Eric Holthusen, the man mostly responsible for formulating and bringing in to the Philippines the new Shell V-Power Diesel. Fondly called as Dr. Fuel by close associates and media, diesel fuels are close to Eric's heart, having been involved with diesel engine technology, testing and development prior to joining Shell back in 1989. [illegible]

Botchi Santos: Good afternoon Dr. Holthusen, so what exactly is Shell V-Power Diesel?

Dr. Fuel: Good afternoon as well! Shell V-Power Diesel is a blend of regular petroleum-based diesel and synthetic diesel, created using gas to liquids (GTL), along with some extra additives designed to clean the injection system and improve injection pump and injector lubricity.

BS: Ok, so what difference does it make for a non-fuel expert like myself? What can I expect or how do I benefit from using V-Power Diesel for my car?

Dr. Fuel: Shell's V-Power Diesel is beneficial in the following areas: thanks to the latest additive technologies, V-Power Diesel has very good detergent additives that fight deposit build-up in and around the combustion chamber, particularly in injection systems of the latest common-rail direct injection diesel fuel technology. Secondly, a regular diesel fuel breaks down over time which causes build up of deposits, and thirdly, it resists higher temperatures and remains molecularly stable at higher temperatures, such as prolonged high engine RPM driving. [illegible]

BS: Where else is V-Power Diesel sold?

Dr. Fuel: The Philippines is only the second market for Shell to launch V-Power Diesel. Thailand was the first a few months ago, and with the boom in diesel engine vehicle sales in the Philippines, Shell felt it was the right time to bring it in and market it to an industry that has a surprisingly large number of CRDI vehicles, with said vehicle sales increasing yearly. In Europe, V-Power Diesel has been around for a while. We first launched it in Italy the road way back in 2004.

BS: How did Shell bring about V-Power Diesel?

Dr. Fuel: Shell has always been a leader in developing newer, better and more efficient fuels. But when Audi approached us back in the early 2000's requesting assistance in developing a diesel fuel for their eventually Championship-winning and record breaking diesel Le Mans cars, things picked up. Audi's V12 TDI engines operated in extreme conditions, running at wide open throttle for long periods of time, particularly down Le Mans's Mulsanne Straight. [illegible]

BS: So how long did the testing and development take?

Dr. Fuel: The project started in the early 2000's and took about three years to develop a formula that met the Audi V12 TDI Le Mans project. [illegible]

BS: Why did Audi insist on using a diesel engine for Le Mans?

Dr. Fuel: Audi has been pushing for efficiency for its entire model range, which is a balance of power, economical consumption and environmental cleanliness. [illegible]



DR. Eric Holthusen believes Shell V-Power Diesel's added price per liter is cheap insurance to pay considering the maintenance of CRDi injection systems.



LEADING the way in research, Shell unveils a revolutionary fuel.

[illegible]

BS: Aside from the marketing and PR benefits, was there any other advantage for using diesel engines in the famed 24 Hour Race?

Dr. Fuel: The Le Mans circuit is a 13.6-kilometer track composed of public roads closed off during the race. [illegible]

BS: Wow truly amazing stuff! Does Shell V-Power Diesel offer any other added performance gain or benefit for the average motorist?

Dr. Fuel: Typically, Shell V-Power Diesel has shown to smoothen out rough idling, rough revving diesel engines [illegible]

BS: So have you worked with other manufacturers since?

Dr. Fuel: Yes, we've consulted globally with all the major diesel engine manufacturers aside from Audi through the OEM suppliers such as Bosch, Denso and Nippondenso. [illegible]

BS: So any chance Shell will be launching a higher octane V-Power gasoline with 100 Octane rating?

Dr. Fuel: (smiles) There is no news yet on that. Maybe someday soon, we will launch it here.

So with the ever-growing popularity of CRDi equipped vehicles, from Toyota, Mitsubishi, Nissan and even the Koreans like Kia and Hyundai, with premium brands like Audi, Mercedes-Benz and BMW, the question of reliability over CRDi engines in the local market has found a new referral in the form of Shell's V-Power Diesel. At about P2.50 more per liter compared to regular diesel fuel, this is cheap insurance to pay, considering some CRDi injection systems cost well into the hundreds of thousands to service, repair and replace. Shell V-Power is now available in almost all Shell Station Forecourts in Metro Manila and will soon be available in all major cities as well.

Pilipinas Shell unveils Shell V-Power Diesel

DIESEL DRIVING can now be redefined with improved performance as Pilipinas Shell launches Shell V-Power Diesel, their premium performance diesel fuel.

Shell V-Power Diesel has brought choice to millions of diesel drivers across the globe. First launched in Italy in 2002, Shell V-Power Diesel is now sold in approximately 8,000 forecourts in 22 countries, helping customers get improved performance from their diesel car.

Pilipinas Shell Fuels Brand Manager Rena Rodriguez then said, "Shell V-Power Diesel, developed in Shell laboratories across the globe, demonstrates our leadership in fuels innovation. It's part of our ongoing mission to help customers get the most from their fuel."

The unveiling of Shell V-Power Diesel is timely especially with the recent rise in popularity of diesel-powered cars in the country, driven mainly by improvements in engine and fuel performance.

"Shell has always been dedicated to providing products and services designed to meet customer needs. We found out that some drivers, in addition to looking for a fuel that maintains the engine in top condition, also wanted a more rewarding driving experience. Shell V-Power Diesel was developed to meet these customer needs," says Shell General Manager for Retail Bong Pabillon.



WITH the boost in diesel engine vehicle sales in the Philippines, Shell felt it was the right time to bring it in. At the forefront of the big move are, from left, Pilipinas Shell country chairman and president Ed Chua, Pilipinas Shell Fuels Brand Manager Rena Rodriguez-Bem, Pilipinas Shell General Manager for Retail Bong Pabillon.

Shell V-Power Diesel is developed to help deliver the full performance potential of diesel cars by keeping the engines in top shape. Over time, deposits can build up in diesel fuel injection systems, reducing combustion efficiency and engine power. To sustain great performance, it is critical that these extremely precise and sophisticated parts of the engine are kept in top condition. Shell V-Power Diesel, with its unique formulation, is designed to help remove and prevent the build-up of such deposits, helping your car's engine deliver its full potential.

The technology behind Shell V-Power Diesel has been proven not only on the road but also on the racetrack. In June 2006, Shell and Audi Sport made motorsport history as Shell V-Power Diesel powered the Audi R10 TDI to victory in the 24 Hours of Le Mans endurance race. Shell and Audi Sport clinched the victory again in 2007 and in 2008 becoming the only diesel powered car to win the race three consecutive times.

Eric Holthusen, Shell Fuels technology manager, said: "At Shell, we know that all fuels are not the same and, thanks to our extensive research and development program, every drop of Shell V-Power Diesel is designed to help your diesel car achieve its performance potential."



Big surprises from the 'little' Jazz





Impreza Challenge slated at Eastwood Sept. 18-19



Bike practice

1,680 liters

Oops it's not a car!

Motorsport 101: Drag Racing

The basics of drag racing

Local races

Inspiring innovative intelligent = i Generation =



Hyundai i10: The New Generation Car for the iGeneration

Yes, it's definitely not your ordinary way of making titles or starting a sentence, yet introducing a car from different points of view, it looks unconventional, appears too techie and feels futuristic. But that's exactly the point, and undoubtedly, virtually everyone living in this millennium can catch on quick with this concept. After all, we all belong to this new generation of people, as advanced and tech-savvy, as fast-paced and modernistic, with easy to full access to the ever-growing knowledge base of the information highway (a.k.a. the Internet) – the iGeneration.

And for the generation embodying all the qualities of being "I"—inspiring, innovative, and intelligent, there's Hyundai i10. With its innovative engineuity, intelligent performance, and inspiring features, this compact, yet powerful road bullet is worthy to represent the iGeneration.

Innovative Engineuity

True to the zeal of Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc. (HARI) to providing motorists with ingenious engine technology for outstanding car performance, the i10 provides an efficient, state-of-the-art, 1.2-liter gasoline engine that produces 74.9 horses at 6000rpm and reaches a peak torque of 11.8kg-m at an impressive 5000rpm. Paired with a smooth-shifting 5-speed transmission (for manual) or 4-speed transmission (for automatic), the i10 is a fun drive along the bustling, urban streets with its sharp, gearshift operation. With a 10.5 compression ratio, this nimble compact car becomes all the more agile, delivering supreme engine feat and optimized thermal efficiency.

Despite being a modern-inspired urban-centric car, the i10 does not intend to make the city all the more "urban" by emitting higher-than-normal toxic fumes in the atmosphere. As a matter of fact, this new-generation Hyundai technology is an embodiment of Hyundai's advocacy towards a green environment and sustainable future. The i10 adopts a "greener" and more economical engine with its remarkable intake and exhaust system, producing less gas emission, efficient fuel consumption, and more fun time on the highway at a very low cost.

Supple and responsive. Nature-conscious and fuel-efficient. Needless to say, the i10's innovative engineuity makes it not just a perfect everyday driving partner. It also goes with the dynamic character yet global consciousness of the iGeneration.

Intelligent Performance

The i10 equally matches the future-oriented intelligence of the iGeneration. "Forward-thinking," the Hyundai small marvel possesses sensitive acuity in identifying motorists' everyday road necessities, translating them into remarkably accurate performance.

Maneuverability-wise, the i10 utilizes highly responsive Motor Driven Power Steering (MDPS) which makes navigating narrow streets and parking in small spaces a breeze. Moreover, the i10 feels incredibly stable and turns well on corners, making it easier to traverse uneven roads with ease, giving the driver full control over the wheels. And for reliable stopping power, the i10 employs 13"front disc brakes and 7" rear drum brakes.

With safety as an important priority, Hyundai made sure the i10 is built with superior features to safeguard both driver and passenger. This sturdy small is reinforced at collision-prone areas, especially on both sides and stern to protect the fuel tank in case of crash-related accidents. Safety zones have been carried on the smooth-cascaded steel body that was found for pedestrian protection as well. The i10 security system also integrates a standard driver-side airbag, customary front and rear seatbelts, a crossing shaft trim, high mount stop lamps, and child safety rear door lock. The Keyless Entry technology with burglar alarm feature has also found its way to this compact car making the i10 a superbly convenient and reliable little car like no other.

Inspiring Features

At first glance the i10 may look simple and tame for the untrained eye, whose focus has always been on the traditional or fully-customized rides often overly embellished with gadgets and gizmos and fancy features. But as the saying goes, looks can be deceiving and it's all true with the i10.

Albeit it does not have the DNA of a sports car or of a luxury road-cruiser, the i10 simply instills sophistication within, which makes it all the more inspiring and eye-catching in every perspective.

Streamlined with a sleek subtle but delicate exterior, with distinctively shaped front foglamps and a chrome-coated radiator grille, this small wonder exudes versatility more than toughness and style. And it is this versatility that makes it transcend from being a mere mode of transportation. To top it all, its refined and precisely-cut fenders match with sturdy 14" alloy wheels and brawny 165/65R14 tire set.

Inside, this 5-seater compact car offers much wider space than expected, with still plenty of room at the trunk for the usual grocery or sports luggage. The seat features include the necessary seatback pockets, seat under tray and height adjuster. For music lovers, the i10 has a complete set of audio system, which is CD and MP3-capable, and has an auxiliary input and USB slot, if you wish to play your favorite tunes from your iPod or other portable music player. Passenger vanity mirror with slide cover, room lamp, front and rear assist grips, adjustable headrests, power windows, and manual air-conditioning are standard features.

Offering innovative engine technology and inspiring attitudes, matched with intelligent features, the i10 is especially designed to meet the demands of the brilliant, smart and tech-savvy iGeneration, and engineered exactly for today's dynamic motoring lifestyle.

It's time to ride with the iGeneration. Visit your nearest authorized Hyundai dealer and test drive the i10 now!



Innovative. Inspiring. Intelligent. These are all that you are—the iGeneration.

For all the ways you reveal a piece of your brilliance, there's Hyundai i10. Stylish, exciting, powerful, and fuel-efficient, it propels your imagination and adventures as effortlessly as you would your life.

Ride like the iGeneration. Ride the Hyundai i10.

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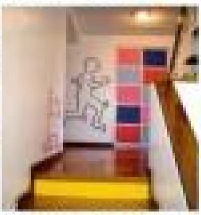
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Interior designer Cheri Roberto goes for adventurous colors and whimsical touches







Do-it-yourself

How to create knife organizer, hot plate using corks







D.I.Y.

Ever wondered what you can do with those corks from your wine bottles? Here are two great ideas: knife organizer and hot plate.

Knife organizer

Not only can you use the corks for organizing your knives, you can actually save them from "a boring life." Here's what you'll need:

Used wine corks

Glue gun

Glue several corks together with a glue gun. Glue them in a straight row on your drawer liner or directly on the drawer bottom. Leave to dry.

Hot plate

Protect a surface with an interesting hot plate using used wine corks. Here's what you'll need:

Used wine corks

Cork sheet (available at National Book Store or art supply store)

Glue gun

Cut the cork sheet into a square sheet size you want or need. Glue on one side the wine corks to the cork sheet. Leave to dry. Once dry, it's ready to use.

Cebu's 'house . . .

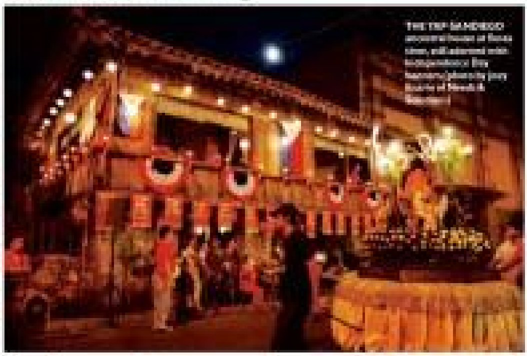




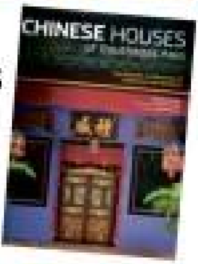
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THE RICHLY DECORATED sala (photo by Jory Rosario of Moods & Solutions)



Cebu's 'house for all seasons' makes it to international coffee-table book





Parian, old Cebu's Chinese heartland



SIDE view of the house from the garden (photo by Jory Rosario of Moods & Solutions)

LifeStyle Parenting

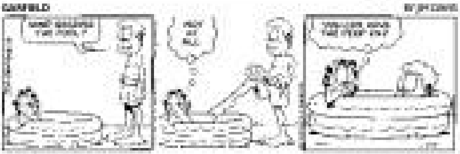
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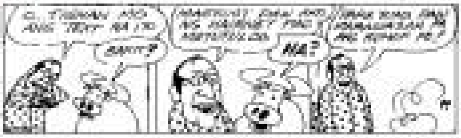
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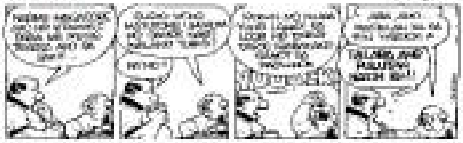
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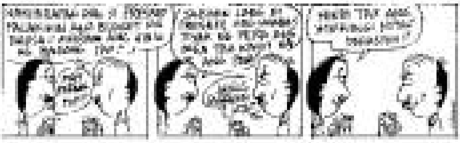


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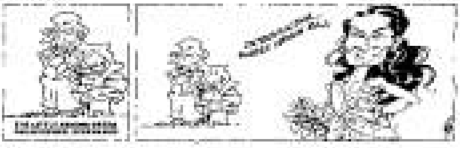
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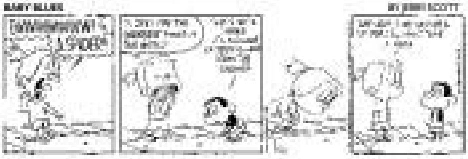


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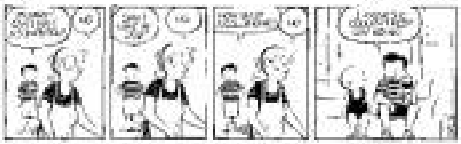


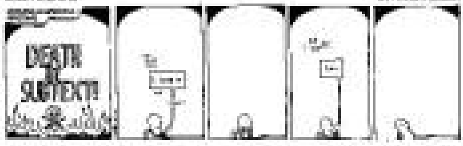


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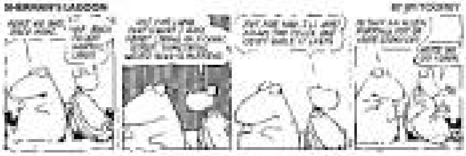








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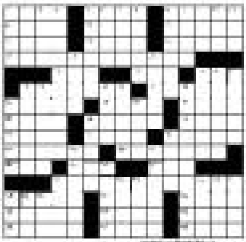


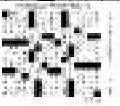
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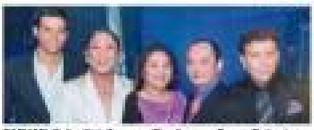
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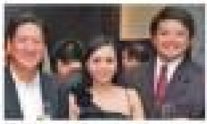


























'Tutti Celli' showcases 8 cellists in a Bach–and Metallica–program



WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH



Maurice Arcache

Nutraceuticals media launch

2nd Grey Goose invitational golf tournament

'Tutti Celli'











BONDING TIME

More fun with your kids



This week, go on a road trip, copy the Jolie-Pitts and cook a meal together

Family sleep

Cook a meal together

Study center uses 'cool factor' to help students get into good schools



Newton process

Spontaneous explosion?

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Card thieves beware

Painless reason to smile





Dental laser center

Spa ambience

ENTERTAINMENT



Car crash victims beg for justice



DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

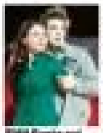
Evicted

OPENING TODAY



Mamarazzi

Vampires Suck



Avatar: Special Edition

Bad Spirits

Stallone film No. 1

Close encounter at Kadayawan

RUSHES

Gossip Girl

Unhappy star



Horse raiders

Top of the talk shows

Show Biz 101

Floating devices

